Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I would supplement the answer by saying that in one or two cases these lady clerks were transferred from the Secretariat to the schools because they happened to be trained.

EXEMPTION FROM TOLL—OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENTS

253. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Officers-on-tour of the Agricultural and Panchayat Departments are exempt from paying toll;

(*b*) if not, why;

(*c*) whether they were exempt; and

(*d*) the date and the reasons for the change?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) Do not arise.

PETITIONS RECEIVED BY THE DIWAN PEISHKAR—DISPOSAL OF

254. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of petitions received by the Diwan Peishkar and the number disposed of in the years 1115, 1116, 1117 and 1118;

(*b*) the number received in each of the said years and remaining undisposed at the end of each year;

(*c*) the month and year in which petitions were received and the month and year in which they were disposed of;

(*d*) the number of petitions received in each of the said years and still pending orders?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) As the petitions are not separately registered now it is not possible to furnish the information without much labour and it will not be commensurate with the public interest served.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* It is stated that the petitions are not separately registered now. May I know what is being done and what was being done formerly.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Before the Tottenham system was introduced, there was a petition register and every petition used to be registered in that register. But afterwards for every clerk there is a personal register and every paper that comes to that section, whether it is in the shape of a petition or whether it is in the shape of anything else is registered and if on the same subject more petitions than one come, they are also simply put as papers received.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are you not in a position to gather the information required.

Mr. President: Order, order. The printed answer states that the information can be gathered with much labour.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to note that there is wide-spread complaint that petitions addressed to the Diwan Peishkar meet with much delay before being disposed of. That is my information.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not exactly correct with regard to every petition. Some petitions do take some time, from the nature of the facts that have to be investigated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether there were not many petitions received in the year 1115 but still remaining undisposed of?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not many. There may be a few petitions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the number approximately.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I cannot say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has not the Diwan Peishkar, Sir, a personal Assistant?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. he has.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are there not two assistants?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishaker):* There is only one personal assistant.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there still another officer, by whatever designation he is called, to help the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is a special assistant for a special work. He has nothing to do with the general work of the Department.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly arrange the work of the office in such a way that ordinary petitions, routine work, etc., will be attended to by the Personal Assistant or 10 more Personal Assistants so much so the people may not be put to any difficulties.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is a great misunderstanding of things. There is no delay of even 24 hours with the Diwan Peishkar. It is not the Diwan Peishkar's Office that supplies the information. All the delay is with the Field Officers, *viz.*, the Village Officers and the Revenue Inspectors. Unless the information comes from the lower subordinate staff, it is impossible for the Diwan Peishkar or for the matter of that anybody else to dispose of these things. The question assumes that the delay is with the Diwan Peishkar. That is not so. Now all the routine work is being attended to by the Personal Assistant and the distributtion of work is made in such a way that except in the case of very important papers which require the personal attention of the Diwan Peishkar, the rest are sent to the Personal Assistant for disposal by him alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether attempts to speed up the work of the subordinates to the Diwan Peishkar are being made.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Every week reminders are being sent and when the reminder No. is exhausted a personal reminder is sent. Then a D. O. is sent and then an official memorandum to personal address is sent. In certain cases I myself take the files when going to camp and meet the Tahsildars and expedite matters.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I khow whether the attempt to speed up the efforts of the subordinates of the Revenue Department ended in a failure.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It has not ended in failure. Consistent with the mass of work and the urgency which is to be attached to certain items of work, certain other items have to wait, for instance, paddy purchase has also to be attended to by the field staff. Certain kind of work cannot he postponed and has to be attended to very expeditiously. So certain revenue papers have to be delayed. So also the land acquisition papers cannot be delayed. There are pieces of informations called for by the military. A large number of papers regarding persons who have been recruited have to be attended to in preference to other work. Therefore some of the other items of work which can very well wait for sometime are being delayed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member for Revenue is feeling the necessity of strengthening the subordinate revenue staff in the light of the answer that is just given.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The question is beset with difficulties.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Which question please?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I am answering. Even if I feel and even if the Government sanction, I shall be getting only untrained hands. There is no use of multiplying the hands unless they are capable of turning out the kind of work which the Revenue Department is to turn out. Any addition of hands sent by the Staff Selection Board will not be of much use.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I therefore take it Sir, that there is necessity felt by the head of the department for having a reserve staff of trained subordinate officers of the Revenue Department.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The necessity was felt and is being felt and a relief reserve was appointed when the recommendation was made and we are trying to train them up.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the reserve staff Sir, that is being instituted or constituted sufficient to cope with the work to which reference has been made now.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* For the field work the staff is insufficient. We are appointing additional menons. They are also not useful unless they get some training in field work and the technique of the Department. There is no time to teach them and do the other work also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it, Sir, that the special training referred to is survey training.

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not only survey training. There is the other work of the Department. Every item of revenue work requires a thorough knowledge of the provisions of the Land Revenue Manual and its details; the practical application of every section contained in the Land Revenue Manual is of the utmost importance to every man who has to work in the Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassn (*Vadakkancheri*): What are the processes, Sir, of giving the training to the latter class of officers?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Employ more and more persons, give them training in every office and see that they do the work properly.

Mr. P. Rumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am glad, Sir, of the last answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Has this been the state of affairs before the all absorbing question of food arose?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was not so acute in those days as now.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is any objection to promote village Menons and Parvathyakkarans who have S. S. L. C. qualifications as clerks. They will be more experienced in revenue work.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That question is being considered to see that we get sufficient number of experienced hands in the Department in the place of the raw hands that are coming in but as the rules stand there is one objection. The Government is considering the question whether at least for the duration of the war that rule may not be given the go-by for the present.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Has any member of the subordinate staff resigned from the Revenue Department?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* A few clerks in the Revenue Department from one taluk office who were officiating hands have resigned. They got some other job and so they resigned their jobs here.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know further whether the resignation was due to want of adequate salary.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That was not the reason given by them at any rate. The reason given was the difficulty to get food and not the question of salary.

MUSEUM HEAD CLERK—PARTICULARS OF

255. മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ :

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഇപ്പോൾ മൂസിയം ഹെഡ് ക്ലാർക്ക് ആരാണ്;

(ബി) അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പ്രതിമാസ ശമ്പളമെത്ര;

(സി) അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സർവ്വീസിൽ ജോലി സ്ഥിരമാണോ;

(ഡി) അതെയെങ്കിൽ സ്ഥിരംജോലി എന്താണെന്നും, സ്ഥിരംജോലിക്ക ശമ്പളം എന്താണെന്നും പറയാമോ;

(ഇ) അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസയോഗ്യത എന്ത്;

(എഫ്) അദ്ദേഹത്തെ മൂസിയത്തിൽ നിയമിതനാകുന്നതിനുമുമ്പ് സ്റ്റാഫ് സിലക്ഷൻ ബോർഡിൽനിന്നും നിയമിച്ചതു് എവിടെ; ഏതു ഗ്രേഡിൽ;

(ജി) അദ്ദേഹം മൂസിയത്തിൽ നിയമിതനായതു് എന്നാണെന്നും, അന്നു് ദിവാൻ പേഷ്കാർ അവർകൾ ആരായിരുന്നുവെന്നും പറയാമോ;

(എച്ച്) മൂസിയം സൂപ്രഡെണ്ടു് അവർകൾ അവധിയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ സൂപ്രഡെണ്ടിന്റെ ജോലി നിർവ്വഹിച്ചിരുന്നതു് ഇദ്ദേഹമായിരുന്നില്ലേ;

(ഐ) അദ്ദേഹം മൂസിയം സൂപ്രഡെണ്ടിന്റെ ജോലികൂടി നിർവ്വഹിച്ചിരുന്നകാലത്തു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രതിമാസശമ്പളം എത്ര ഉറപ്പികയായിരുന്നു?

മിസ്സർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭ :

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫൻ തുലാം ൧ ൦-ാംന-വരെയും കുംഭം ഫ-ാംന-മുതലും മിസ്സർ സി. എ. ദേവസ്സി; വൃശ്ചികം ഫ-ാംന-മുതൽ ധനു ഫ൫-ാംന-വരെ മിസ്സർ ടി. എസ്സ്. രാമകൃഷ്ണയ്യർ; ധനു ഫ൩-ാംന-മുതൽ മകരം ൧ ൦-ാംന-വരെ മിസ്സർ എൻ. മാധവമേനോൻ.

(ബി) ആദ്യത്തെ ആറുംക്ക മൂസിയത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ൪൪ ക. പിന്നെയുള്ളവർക്ക ൪൦ ക.

(സി) ആദ്യത്തെ ആറുംക്കമാത്രം സ്ഥിരം.

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